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Department have taken any statistics regarding the amount of water flowing into the Arabian sea as waste during the heavy rains and floods in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Do the Government get any statistics about loss due to soil erosion due to the rivers not being harnessed for irrigation purposes? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" This does not arise from the present question."

Construction of roads and bridges in Wynaad under Vipan Scheme.

* 277 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder is not in his place, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the number of roads and bridges in Wynaad, recommended to be constructed under the Vipan Scheme and how many of them have actually been constructed to date?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A bridge across Panamaram Puzha in Manantoddy-Panamaram-Vayitri road and a bridge across Manantoddy Puzha on the same road. Neither work has been executed."

Reconstruction of the Kunnath bridge across Mampuzha river, Malabar.

* 278 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) how long the Kunnath bridge across the Mampuzha river in Kozhikode taluk has been in a state of disrepair; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to reconstruct this bridge or repair it?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) The bridge, which is a wooden one, is being maintained in a fair condition.

" (*b*) The work of reconstructing the bridge at the place is included in the Five-year Plan of Post-war Road Development and it will be taken up for execution in due course."

SRI A. APPU :—" May I know the probable date by which this work will be taken up? It is a very important bridge and if the Government have not got funds, will the general public be allowed to repair it at least? "

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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—"Any contribution or help from the public will be welcome but no definite date can be given now."

Varaganadhi Reservoir.

* 279 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state when the work of the Varaganadhi reservoir will be taken up?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Gauging of the river flows will have to be taken over a period of years before any scheme can be formulated."

Uniforms to the drivers and conductors of Government Bus Transport.

* 280 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the number of sets of dresses that are supplied to the drivers and conductors working in the Government Transport buses per year;

(b) when the last supply was made; and

(c) whether the new supplies will be in Khadi or in handloom cloth?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Two sets of uniforms are supplied annually to the drivers and conductors working in the Government Bus Service.

" (b) The last supply was made during the period March to September 1951. The supply due for 1952 commenced in December and is expected to be completed before the end of March 1953.

" (c) The new uniforms are supplied from jail-made cloth."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Will the Government consider the question of supplying uniforms in handloom cloth? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The jail cloth is a variety of handloom cloth."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are the Government aware that the drivers and conductors are not wearing uniforms to-day? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Conductors have been supplied with uniforms already and drivers will be supplied in another month."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" From the reply given by the Hon. the Minister, it appears that the supply due for 1952 has not been made. Will it be made this year in the account of 1952 or will it be taken over to the account of 1953? "